

MAN WHO SHOT WIFE INTO TOTAL BLINDNESS GETS LONG SENTENCE

Reynolds Must Spend from 14 to 21 Years in State's Prison.

James B. Reynolds of this city pleaded guilty to assault with intent to kill in the Superior court this afternoon. Judge Ralph Wheeler imposed a penalty of from 14 to 21 years in prison.

Reynolds and his wife separated, she going to South Norwalk to work. He followed her there, and in a bitter dispute he shot her three times. Her life was despaired of for several days, but she eventually recovered, but suffered total blindness.

DARING "HOLD-UP" ON MAIN STREET

Thugs Assault and Try to Rob Harry Chapman of New Milford.

Hartford, Dec. 21.—Thugs held up and tried to rob Harry Chapman of New Milford about quarter of 9 last night after they had choked him nearly into insensibility. Chapman is young, and said to be rich. He got into the city early last evening, registered at the Allyn House, and had the automobile in which he was riding taken to a garage.

After dinner he started for a walk, going up Main street, and then walking south. He was walking leisurely along when he reached the bridge, intending to go until he got to a public house, where he could call his home in New Milford. Suddenly two men, apparently tramps, who were standing close to the railing of the bridge, one seized him by the throat and the other planning his arms to his side, and threw him against the railing of the bridge over the Park River. He struggled and tried to make an outcry, but one of the men put his knee against Chapman's stomach and knocked his breath out of him.

Chapman had a considerable sum of money in his pockets and also wore a diamond scarf pin, worth \$500 or \$600, and this was what the men were after. While one was choking him the other pulled at his scarf and tried to get the stone, and also tried to get into his pockets.

Just then several people were seen approaching, and the men let go and ran toward the center of the city. After he recovered himself Chapman started after them, shouting for help, but he lost sight of the pair.

DIED.

CARROLL—In this city, Dec. 20, 1909, Margaret, widow of Patrick Carroll. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late residence, No. 158 Carroll avenue on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 9:30 a. m. and thence to St. Mary's church, where a solemn high mass of requiem will be offered at 9 a. m. Burial in St. Michael's cemetery.

BENNETT—In this city, Dec. 19, 1909, John H. Bennett, D. B. S.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 43 Austin street, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 a. m. and funeral service will be held in Saint Augustine's church at 9 o'clock a. m.

—Burial in St. Michael's cemetery. T 20 b

CORCORAN—In this city, Monday, Dec. 20th, 1909, Joseph J., son of Julia and the late Patrick Corcoran, aged 21 years, 8 months, 15 days.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, No. 1356 Franklin avenue, Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 a. m. and funeral service will be held in Saint Augustine's church at 9 o'clock a. m.

—Burial in St. Michael's cemetery. T 20 b

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SORROWING THROUGH SURROUNDS BIER OF REV. FATHER RIGNEY

Father Sullivan in Touching Eulogy, Recalls Vast and Tireless Energy

Many Societies and Scores of Parishioners Swell Procession to Escort Remains to Their Final Resting Place.

(Special from United Press.)

Seymour, Dec. 21.—Funeral services for Rev. M. F. Rigney, pastor of St. Augustine's church, who died last week as the result of a fall down stairs in the rectory which caused concussion of the brain, were conducted in St. Augustine's church today in the presence of a large and representative body of clergymen, parishioners and church societies. The services were long and impressive and conducted according to the Roman Catholic ritual.

The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. M. A. Sullivan, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Hartford. Father Sullivan reviewed the life of the deceased and referred to the vast energy with which he had devoted himself to the building up of St. Augustine's parish.

A large number of clergymen were present at the services, including the Rev. John J. Synnot, administrator of the diocese and the Rev. Francis Fitzgerald, of Derby. The services began with the office of the dead for which the chapters were read by the Rev. John Lynch of Meriden. A large choir assisted in the funeral music. Singers of the diocese and other Catholic churches in the vicinity assisted.

The funeral procession was one of the longest ever held in Seymour. Father Rigney's many friends, including his residence in the town and his work in connection with St. Augustine's parish, were recognized as having been highly efficient.

Burial was at St. Augustine's cemetery. In the procession were members of the nights of Columbus, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Children of Mary and scores of parishioners who had learned to love and respect the man who devoted so many years of his life to the interests of his parish.

Father Rigney was well known throughout Connecticut. His first charge was in New Haven, where his friends are studied for holy orders in Canada after which he received ordination at the Baltimore Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

GIRL STRIKERS APPEAL FOR \$10,000

Mistresses of Millions Will Dance at Arlington Hall Reception.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Desperate methods to avert a hungry Christmas for 3,000 strikers were adopted by the warring shirtwaist makers today. Although Morgan and Belmont wealth has flowed into the girls' treasury, the strike funds are entirely exhausted and 3,000 of the strikers are destitute, according to the statement of Eva MacDonald Walsh, an organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

A big corps of the militant young women are today addressing 30,000 postal cards bearing each an appeal for \$10,000 required for food and shelter on Christmas.

A defiant display of determination to remain at war with their employers will be made this afternoon when the big automobile parade, headed by the huge cars of R. P. Belmont and that of Miss Anne Morgan will tour the factory districts. Each car will carry large placards. "Police are for protection, not for placards," is one of the placards. "Strikers are not criminals," is another.

Tomorrow night mistresses of millions will dance at the reception at Arlington Hall to the five girls released yesterday from the prison on Blackwell's Island.

OVERTURES FOR PEACE

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—With nearly 10,000 operators out on strike, making the tie-up of shirtwaist factories here practically complete, manufacturers today began making overtures for peace.

A. Epstein & Company, one of the largest manufacturers, today granted the demands of their 400 workers and they returned to their machines. Three other companies have manifested their willingness to grant the demands of the strikers.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congress adjourned this afternoon until Tuesday, January 4. Less than a corporal's guard was present when the House convened today. Speaker Cannon was absent, having left to spend the holidays at his home in Danville, Ill. Representative Daisell, (Republican, Pennsylvania,) acted as Speaker.

INVESTIGATION COMING

Washington, Dec. 21.—There will be a Congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

On the floor of the Senate today Senator Flint, (Republican, California,) offered a resolution which was adopted, calling upon the President for all reports and statements appertaining to the charges against Secretary of the Interior Ballinger by L. R. Glavis. Immediately thereafter, Senator Jones, (Republican, Washington,) read to the Senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger, addressed to him, demanding in the strongest of terms, a thorough investigation not only of his department but of the forest service, to the officers of which he lays the blame for many of the charges against him. He also declared that unless Congress took action he would, at the re-assemblage of the Senate after the holidays, offer a resolution calling for such an investigation by the Senate and House.

FAMILY SAVED FROM DEATH BY BURNING

Yonkers, Dec. 21.—Theodore R. Fredricks, his wife, Hattie and their three children, Ernest, 7, Kate, 7, and Hanna, 3, were burned to death in their home here today. A dozen other occupants of the house were rescued by police and firemen who carried them down ladders after they had been rendered unconscious from smoke.

WOMAN FALLS AT FACTORY

Little, Conn., Dec. 21.—Fembroke street, an employee of the Royal Equipment Co., fell several feet from a platform at the factory this morning. She escaped with bruises.

MAY CONSIDER GARBAGE PLANS

Dr. Over Thinks of Calling Special Meeting of Health Board for This Purpose.

Dr. Eugene Ober, president of the Board of Health, said this afternoon that there was a possibility of calling a special meeting of the Board of Health to discuss the garbage problem. Dr. Ober said that he had written to different persons who were to have submitted propositions to him. These communications have not yet been answered. Commissioner George T. Kelly said last night that he would be in favor of a special meeting of the board to discuss the subject, although he had not heard that such a meeting would be held.

SENATE CONFIRMS ALL NOMINATIONS

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon as ambassador to France, and 26 other diplomatic nominations sent to the Senate yesterday by the President.

BURSTING EMERY WHEEL SOUNDS LIKE CANNON

(Special from United Press.)

Norwalk, Dec. 21.—With a report like the explosion of a cannon a large emery wheel making several thousand revolutions a minute, burst this morning scattering in every direction and striking James Carruthers, who was working on the breast and fracturing several ribs and inflicting a terrible wound in his right wrist. It was a very narrow escape from death. The accident happened about 10 o'clock in Robert Carruthers' blacksmith shop in Brook street.

PROF. WOOLSEY SURVIVES ATTACK OF HEART TROUBLE

(Special from United Press.)

New London, Dec. 21.—Professor Theodore S. Woolsey of Yale University, who was stricken with heart trouble at the request following the state civil service board meeting at the Mohican last night, left on the Colonial Express at 11:40 o'clock today for New Haven at 12:25 p. m. Professor Woolsey had completely recovered from his illness and declared when he boarded the train that he never felt better.



Furnishings For Gifts To Men

There's one great reason why you should come to The Surprise Store to buy gifts for men—you will find just the things that men buy for themselves—just the things in quality, color and style that men want.

Remember, The Surprise Store's guarantee insures satisfaction. If any gift is duplicated bring back the one bought at The Surprise Store and we will cheerfully exchange it or refund the purchase price.

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The scarf is of fine heavy silk. The handkerchief is hemstitched Japanese silk. The suspenders are French made web. Handsomely boxed in holly box.

Silk 4-in-Hands one in a box 25c

Choice of ten plain solid colors, white, black, 3 shades of blue, maroon, pink, olive, light green and gray. Well made full size scarfs that will tie up in a very handsome knot. Many scarfs at double the price are no better.

Suspenders, Each pair boxed 25c

These are not ordinary twenty-five cent suspenders. They are very special at 25c. Strong durable webbing. Solid colors white, blue, pink and lavender—the three articles perfectly matched in color.

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Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday, December 21, 1909.

The Weather—Fair tonight and tomorrow.

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Each hour of each of those three days is going to be crowded full as full can be. It is going to be the store's biggest opportunity to show you its worth. And that opportunity will be improved.

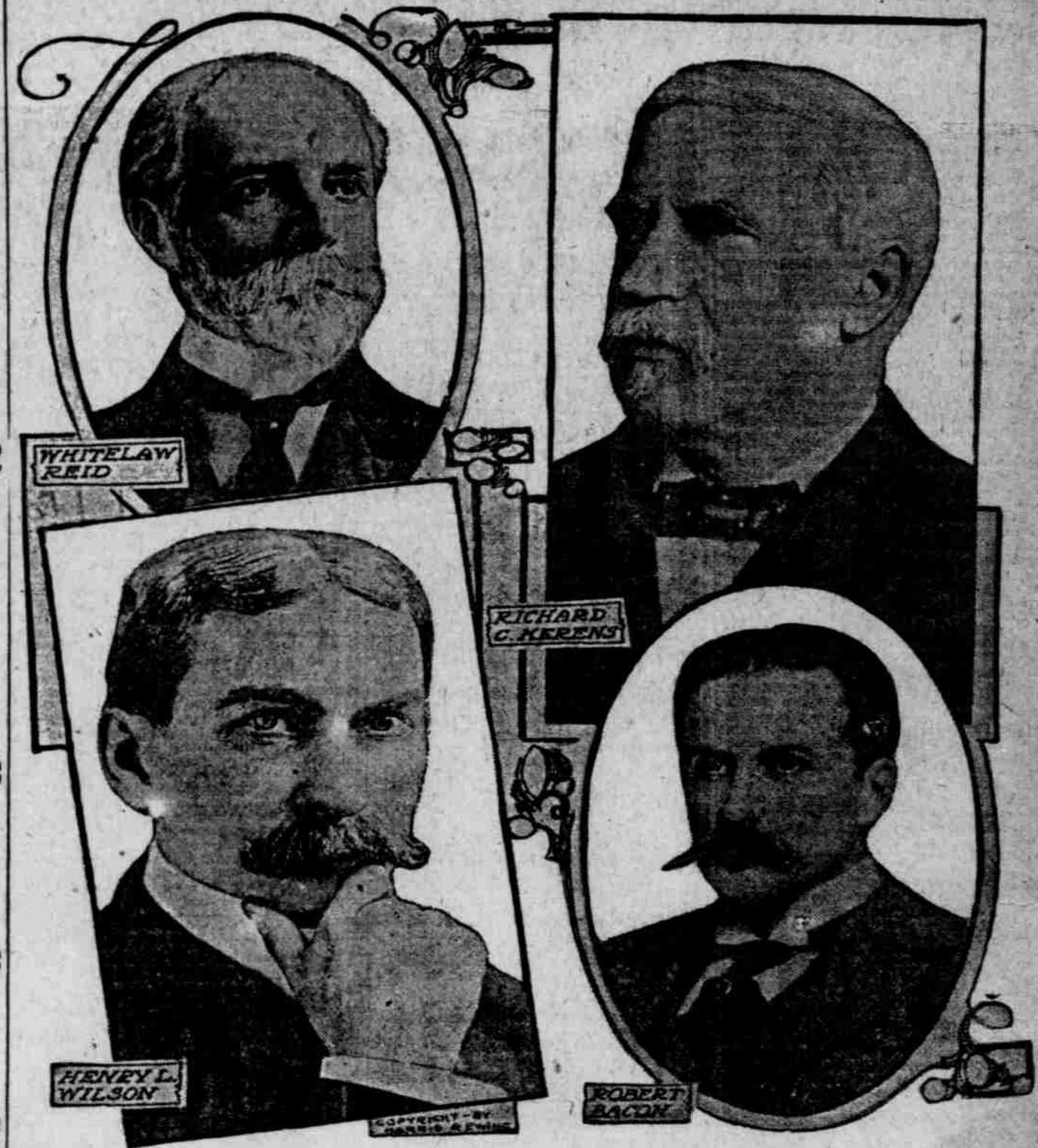
We are ready as never before. The broad aisles of the store lead easily to greater and nicer lots of merchandise. Those lots have been picked with greater care and taste than ever before. They are of excellent value as well as of utility or beauty, of worth from every standpoint.

Our service is planned along more-satisfactory lines, too. We have seen where we fell short in times gone by. We have laid things out so as not to fail again. We count upon serving more people, serving them with better merchandise, serving them more quickly and satisfactorily, upon completing service in the store by equally good service in delivering large packages.

The store is open every evening till Christmas. This is in the line of extra service to you; a service that is yours by right. It is not possible for all to do Christmas shopping during the daytime. Folks engaged all through the day are entitled to the evenings. Will you who can, shop in the daylight hours and leave the evenings for those not so fortunate? It will be a kindly thing.

It is worth remembering that morning hours are the best shopping hours. You've more time to spend then, you choose with greater discretion, you get better return for every dollar. In the unhurried morning, a satisfying choice is easily made. By all means, profit by the morning hours if you can.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. THREE NEW ENVOYS NAMED BY PRESIDENT AND ONE WHO PROBABLY WILL HOLD OVER



Washington, Dec. 21.—When President Taft sent to the Senate his list of nominations for diplomatic service there was considerable surprise that he named no one to succeed Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain. In semi-official circles it is asserted that Mr. Reid will be reappointed. The president's nominations are as follows: Robert Bacon to be ambassador to France, succeeding Henry White, who retires; R. C. Kerens of St. Louis to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary, succeeding Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., who retires; Henry Lane Wilson of Washington, now minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who retires; William J. Calhoun of Chicago to be minister to China, the post being now vacant; Charles Page Ryan of Chicago, now minister to Portugal, to be minister to Belgium, succeeding Mr. Wilson; John B. Jackson of Newark, N. J., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Cuba, succeeding Edwin V. Morgan of New York, who retires. The choice of Mr. Kerens to be ambassador at Vienna ends a long fight in which various influences have changed position a number of times. Senator Warner, the Republican member from Missouri in the Senate, has been supporting the nomination, which recalls the fact that Kerens was a vigorous candidate for the senatorship when Warner was elected.

LAND COMPANY TO BUILD BRIDGE SPANNING CREEK

At the meeting of the Common Council, last night, the Bridgeport Land & Title Co. was given permission to build a bridge in State street extension at its own expense. The bridge will span Ash Creek and connect this city with the town of Fairfield. The company is exploiting a large tract of land west of Ash Creek and it is their plan to continue State street extension through to the Black Rock turnpike in Fairfield. All of the grading in connection with the

NEW YORK ATTORNEY CANNOT PRACTICE HERE

New Haven, Dec. 21.—Attorney Richmond J. Reese of New York city has been refused admission to the Connecticut bar in a decision handed down by Judge Gager of the Superior court on the ground that a summer residence in the State and occasional visits during other times of the year do not constitute residence in the State.

FIFTY CATTLE, FOUR HORSES AND 300 CHICKENS BURNED

Cromwell, Dec. 21.—Fifty head of cattle, four horses and three hundred chickens were burned last night in a fire that destroyed two large barns and four poultry houses on the property of John Hoffman, causing a loss of about \$20,000. The fire was supposedly of incendiary origin and a strict investigation will be made. Mr. Hoffman carried no insurance.

Christmas Candy. For the biggest bargain in Christmas candy go to the Furman at 19 Fairfield avenue. Here all the candy is home made and guaranteed pure and wholesome. Our three pounds for a quarter mixture we recommend for the family candy dish. Also a line of boxes with neat and attractive covers at low price.